sponsorship by Government of U.K., 26 officers were deputed with funding by Government of India (through Department of Personnel & Training) to three programmes in U.K. during 2000-2001. A total amount of Rs. 2 crore, 86 lacs (approximately) has been incurred on the training of these 26 officers. There were 13 IAS and 2 IFS officers among the 26 officers. The 13 IAS officers belonged to the State cadre of Andhra Pradesh (2), Assam-Meghalaya, Punjab, Haryana (2), Gujarat, Tamil Nadu (2), Bihar (2), Uttar Pradesh and AGMUT. The 2 IFS officers belonged to the cadres of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

During the year 2001-2002, a total of 25 officers have been deputed to attend training programme in U.K. and in Manila by funding of this Department. So far a sum of Rs. 2 crore, 41 lacs approximately has been incurred on the training of these 25 officers. There are 12 IAS officers among these 25 officers and they belong to the State cadre of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Manipur-Tripura, Karnataka (2), Madhya Pradesh and AGMUT.

Pay Fixation of Deputationists

1277. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what Government's order and prescribed rules and regulations with regard to the pay fixation of the deputationists who have continuously been working more than five years with the Central Government Offices to Central Government Offices and Central Government Offices to Autonomous Bodies and vice-versa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): Fixation of pay of deputationists from Central Government Offices to Central Government Offices and Central Government Offices to Autonomous Bodies and vice-versa is governed by para 5 of Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum

No. 2^29/91-Estt. (Pay. II) dated 5.1.94. There are no special rules for pay fixation of the deputationists who have been continuously working for more than 5 years in the above cases.

Time Limit for Completion of Disciplinary Cases

1278. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the time limit fixed for completion of various actions in a disciplinary case against the Central Government employees;

(b) whether "sealed cover procedure" is mandatory in a disciplinary case pending against an employee;

(c) whether any safeguard is available to an employee if these time limits are not scrupulously adhered to and the conclusion of the case is inordinately delayed and also the sealed cover procedure is not followed by the concerned authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Specific time limit as such has been prescribed for completion of a disciplinary case, though certain time limits have been prescribed for some of the actions under the rules. Various measures have been prescribed through instructions for expediting the disposal of disciplinary cases.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) The employee concerned can raise the question of non-adherence of time limits, in his submission to the disciplinary authority, or appellate authority or before the Courts of Law if he so desires. If sealed cover procedure was not followed in a case, it is open to the concerned authority to rectify the mistake when the matter is brought to its notice.